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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Tomorrow the flags on all government buildings in the United States will be flying at half-staff to commemorate Peace Officers Memorial Day. In 1994, Public Law 103-322 was enacted declaring every May 15 as a tribute to the more than 15,400 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty dating back to 1792.

This is a rare national honor. The only other regularly scheduled day that the American flags fly at half-staff is Memorial Day. Like those in our armed services, our fallen law enforcement officers died while protecting the lives and freedoms of others. We need to remember that freedom is not free and that many have given their lives to ensure the civil rights and safety that we enjoy today.

Please remember to lower the flag you fly at your home or business tomorrow. If that is not possible, simply say thank you or smile and wave at the next deputy or police officer you see.

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